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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: SNAR CO  
SUBJECT: JUSTICE MINISTER REJECTS NARCOTICS CHARGES AGAINST  
MINISTERS

FEB 1 EDITION OF BOGOTA AFTERNOON DAILY "EL ESPACIO" CARRIES  
HEAD-LINED ARTICLE ENTITLED "THE GOVERNMENT IS NOT IN THE  
HANDS OF THE MAFIA." ARTICLE CONSISTS OF STATEMENT ELICITED FROM  
MINISTER OF JUSTICE GOMEZ ESTRADA IN WHICH HE REJECTS  
CHARGES THAT TWO CABINET MINISTERS HAVE BEEN ENGAGED IN  
NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING. REFERRING TO VARIOUS PRESS REPORTS  
THAT THESE TWO MINISTERS AND SOME MEMBERS OF THE NATIONAL  
COUNCIL ON DRUGS WERE CLOSELY INVOLVED WITH THE INTERNA-  
TIONAL MAFIA THE MINISTER STATED "THIS IS TOTALLY FALSE  
AND A GENUINE SLANDER AGAINST HONEST PERSONS IN THE PRESENT  
ADMINISTRATION." THE MINISTER ALSO STATED THAT HE HAD AN  
OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME FAMILIAR WITH THE REPORT THAT HAS  
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FIGURED IN THESE PRESS ACCOUNTS AND HE SAID HE FOUND  
IN THE REPORT NO MENTION OR NAME OF ANY MINISTER NOR ANY  
REFERENCE TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. (COMMENT: THE  
ARTICLE DOES NOT FURTHER IDENTIFY THE REPORT TO WHICH  
THE MINISTER REFERS BUT IT PRESUMABLY IS THE CODEL  
WOLFF REPORT WHICH WAS FEATURED IN THE PRESIDENTIAL  
COMMUNIQUE YESTERDAY AS REPORTED IN BOGOTA 1019). HE

ADDED "IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO BELIEVE THAT THE ATTORNEY  
GENERAL, THE DIRECTOR OF DAS, THE COMMANDERS OF THE F-2  
AND OTHER FUNCTIONARIES OF KNOWN HONESTY ARE MEMBERS OF  
THE MAFIA." THE MINISTER ALSO STATED THAT HE DID NOT  
KNOW WHY INTERNATIONAL MEDIA WERE PUBLISHING SUCH  
INFORMATION WHICH WAS WITHOUT FOUNDATION AND THAT IT  
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED COLOMBIA'S NAME IN THE WORLD.  
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